

REMARKS

In the **non-final** Office Action of January 15, 2010, the Office noted that claims 49-55 were pending and rejected claims 49-55. In this amendment claims 49-51 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 49-55 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for meeting to interview this Application. The Applicants have amended the claims to more fully distinguish "switchable parallel content information" from the prior art.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 49-55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Murase, U.S. Patent No. 6,285,826. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument and amendment.

Murase discusses content type information indicative of the specific audio or video content of each reproduction path is stored for each reproduction path on the optical disc.

The Applicants have amended claim 49 to recite "object data comprising a title which includes (i) a plurality of switchable parallel content information **(i-1)** which can be reproduced **by an information reproducing apparatus** so as to be switched, **(i-2) which includes, as a branch structure, a plurality of parental blocks, a plurality of angle blocks or a plurality of versions about the same title and (i-3) to which a parental reproduction, and angle reproduction or version selection reproduction, by which a desired parental block, a desired angle block or a desired version about the same title is selected as a reproduction target, is performed,** and (ii) a plurality of sequential content information which can be reproduced **by the information reproducing apparatus** sequentially and each of which includes a plurality of packets, wherein the plurality of switchable parallel content information and the plurality of sequential content information are multi-recorded by a unit of a packet such that the title can be recorded by an information record apparatus or can be reproduced by an information reproduction apparatus; and ... the command information selects, **on the information reproduction apparatus which reproduces the command information,** one play list information from among the plurality of play list information which includes at least the second item information, on the basis of selection judgment information which is inputted or set with respect to **the** information reproducing apparatus for reproducing the content

information.” (Emphasis added) Claims 50 and 51 have been amended in a manner consistent with the amendment to claim 49.

Support for the amendment may be found, for example, in ¶¶ 0151, 0179, 0256 and 0257 of the printed publication version of the Specification. The Applicants submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment of claims.

It is asserted in the Office Action that “Murase (US6,285,826B) teaches an information record and reproduction medium, method and apparatus (see Fig. 34) comprising: [...] (i) a plurality of switchable parallel content information [...] and (ii) a plurality of sequential content information [...] (The reproducing path can be either of two types: an original PGC referring to all AV data on the disc, or a user-defined PGC defining a user-selected reproduction sequence of AV data on the disc, col 9 lines 61 to 64)”. However, the Applicants do not agree with this assertion.

Murase merely discloses two types of PGCs (i.e. the original PGC and the user-defined PGC). Murase does not teach, suggest or disclose the specific reproduction sequence-aspects of two types of PGCs. Namely, Murase does not teach that (i) the reproduction sequence type of one of two types of PGCs is a sequential type (i.e. the reproduction sequence not having a plurality of branch sequences) and that (ii) the reproduction sequence type of the other of two types of PGCs is a switchable type (i.e. the reproduction sequence having a plurality of branch

sequences). In other words, Murase does not teach that (i) the reproduction sequence type of one of two types of PGCs is the same as that of the "sequential content information" of the present invention and that (ii) the reproduction sequence type of the other of two types of PGCs is the same as that of the "switchable parallel content information" as further distinguished in the amended claims.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Murase does not disclose the features of independent claims 49, 50 and 51, and the claims dependent therefrom.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102. It is also submitted that claims 49-55 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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